CHOLERA THREATENS.

EUROPE SAID TO BE IN DANGER OF AN EPIDEMIC.

Startling Reports of the Ravages of the Disease in Persin What the English Medical Journals Say About the Peril.

LONDON, Feb. 1 .- The English medical journals hardly notice the reports of the ravages of cholera in Persia, or, if they do refer to them, speak of the probability that they are greatly exaggerated and that the dread disease is not at all likely to spread beyond the limits to which it is at present confined. The public remember, however, that the same exponents of science ridiculed the same exponents of science ridiculed the influenza, pronounced it largely the result of an excited imagination among the ignorant peasantry of Russia and confidently announced that if it should make its appearance in Western Europe it would prove but a trifling complaint when treated by skilled physicians of enlightened communities.

An English medical light, whose articles in the Lancet and other pathological journals always provoke considerable controversy, is of the opinion that Europe has a great deal to fear from the cholera during the coming summer.

"The virulent type it has assumed." he says, "is highly unusual in the winter months, and marks an almost unprecedented malignity in the fearful pestilence. The powerlessness of medical men when called upon to contend with novel circumstances has been with novel circumstances has been shown by this winter's experiences. Any dread that the influenza would prove a serious affliction was met with a smile of conscious superiority, and the student of history who referred to past experiences was snubbed as an alarmist. Yet its dead may be counted already by thousands, and palaces as well as hovels have felt its awful

"If the cholera should really prove ep "If the cholera should really prove epidemic it will follow its usual routes, through Asia Minor to Turkey, in Europe and to India via the Persian Guif. So long as Moslem fatalists hold the European side of the Bosphorous, plagues of this kind will gain a foothold in Europe. Any attempt to subject the Turks to sanitary laws will be looked upon by them as an outrage and looked upon by them as an outrage and a conspiracy on the part of the Western nations to encroach upon their lib-erties and subvert their religion. The prospect for the coming summer is decidedly gloomy one."

SILCOTT DISAPPEARS.

He Endeavors to Throw the Detectives Off the Scent. This morning's New York Herald

prints the following special in regard to the whereabouts of Silcott:

TERREBONNE, QUEBEC, Jan. 31.-I again made another attempt to-day to get another interview with Silcott and Louise Thibault, his handsome companion. I called at Mr. Thibault's house, but the birds had evidently thought better of their last night's resolution—which was doubtless mere bragadocio—and they had flown. Mr. Thibault said he knew nothing of their present whereabouts.

After diligent search I was informed at the Hotel du Boulevard that a man answering to the description of Silcott had engaged a rig at a livery stable, saying he was going to St. Vincent de Paul, some cleven miles from here. He

On inquiry at the railroad station Station Master Moran informed me that he saw a strange lady board the morning train for Quebec. She had not bought a ticket, but that fact, he said, was not important, as she could buy one

on the cars.

For many reasons I am led to believe that this hiring of a rig for St. Vincent de Paul was simply a blind, and that the pair are still located in some safe hiding place in Terrebonne or vicinity.

Although in last night's interview Silcott said he defied arrest, I think he would rather shun than meet an officer of the law, and that, farging the officer of the law, and that, fearing the publicity given of his whereabouts by the interview in the Herald would place the officers on his track, he de-termined to throw them off the scent by an apparent departure for Quebec or some other part of Canada.

In regard to the discovery of Silcott's whereabouts there is one error in my former report, insomuch as Detective Grose of the Canadian Secret Service Bureau had nothing to do with the discovery, as that officer, only the night be-fore I saw Silcott, told me he had given up the hunt and would take no further interest in the matter, unless his services were regularly retained by the United States officials. [The error above referred to was made in the Herald office.]

PROTECTION FOR EDITORS.

Unique Bill to be Introduced in the Iowa Legislature.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Feb. 1 .- Senator Schmidt of Davenport will introduce a bill in the Senate, which is unique. No such bill has ever passed any Legislature in the United States. It is as fol-

A bill for an act to render privileged con-idential communications to editors, pub-lishers and reporters of newspapers. lishers and reporters of newspapers.

Be it enacted, etc., That no editor, publisher or reporter of any newspaper shall be compelled to disclose any confidential communication made to him in his professional capacity or to disclose the name of the author of any editorial article furnished such papers for publication or to disclose the name of any person furnishing information for publication; provided, however, that in any proceedings, civil or criminal, against any person on account of the publication of such editorial, artice or information, such editor, publisher or reporter may be compelled to testify whether or not the defendant was the author of such editorial or article or furnished the information compianed of.

The effect of this bill will be to place

The effect of this bill will be to place cditors and reporters, when acting in a professional capacity, on the same foot-ing as lawyers and clergymen.

Money for School Boys.

Thirty school boys above the age of 12 can learn how to make some money without interfering with their school work by calling at THE CRITIC office at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

PROFOUND CANADIAN SENSATION. Sir Frederick Middleton Accused of

Embezziement. NEW YORK, Feb. 1 .- A special to the Herald, from Ottawa, Ont., says: A printed statement entitled "An appeal from the Northwest" is being actively circulated among the members of Parliament. It is from some settlers of Breaylor, in the far West, who claim that during the Northern rebellion, in 1885, although they were all loyal to the Crown, they were treated us rebels; their goods were looted by the soldiery; they were refused protection and exposed to the insults and thievery of Indians and generally filtreated. The document plainly charges General Sir Frederick Middleten, commander of the Northwest Ex-pedition, with appropriating a large, rich and rare stock of furs belonging

to one Bremner, for which Bremner

has never been compensated.

The appeal says: "We have proof that General Middleton took these furs under the pretense of keeping them safe for Bremner. We have proof that these furs were shipped by General. Middleton's orders to himself and others, and when a deputation brought the matter before the Minister of the Interior, we were assured that Brom. Interior, we were assured that Brem-ner would be paid for the furs whether be would be paid for his other losses or

The matter has created a profound

Arrested for Malpractice. NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-Mrs. Sophia M Wellman of 229 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street died last night of malpractice, and Mary J. Clery, the midwife who attended Mrs. Wellman, was placed under arrest. She was found sick at her home, 207 West Thirty fourth street, by detectives. As she was too ill to be taken away an officer was placed in the house to guard her. Mrs. Wellman's husband is a lawyer, and he and his wife are well known in and he and his wife are well known in Harlem and moved in the best circles. Mr. Wellman is 60 years old and hi wife was 32 years of age.

The Obstinate British Peers. LONDON, Feb. 1 .- The obstinacy of the British peers is proverbial, and though its consistency has been referred to as the bulwark of the throne, the Queen has often found it an obstacle to her desires. They have several times roused her to a frantic rage by their refusal to pass her pet bill allowing marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and even now that Prof. Schroeder, the eminent Bibliologist, has declared that the accepted translation is wrong, and that such marriages are not forbidden by the famous text in Leviticus, they express still a determination, greatly to the Queen's disgust, to stick to the Bible of their youth, right or wrong. Result of the Pan-American Congress

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 1.- E. M. Acvedo of Buenos Ayres is in the city. He says his visit is the practical out-He says his visit is the practical outcome of the recent visit of the PanAmerican Congress. He represents the
firm of of F. G. Pierre & Co. of New
York, who desire to establish in Buenos
Ayres a commission warehouse, where
they can handle American goods. He
has as yet made contracts with but one
firm in the United States. He will visit
a large furniture concern here and select
several samples of their goods for shipment. He has not decided what other
goods manufactured in the city are suitgoods manufactured in the city are suit able for that market.

Strike on the Q. & C. Improbable. CINCINNATI, Onto, Feb. 1.-It seemed quite probable last night that a strike of conductors and brakemen on the Queen and Crescent system will be averted. A long conference was held yesterday be-tween the railroad officials and the Brotherhood representatives. No agreement was reached, and both sides are reticent about the matter, but both claim that the trouble will be amicably adjusted to-day, when another conference will be held. It is extremely doubtful if a strike would be successful, and the Brotherhood will make some concessions.

Driven by Grief to Snicide

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1 .- Fred. W. Fuhrmann, purser of the steamship Oceanic of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company, committed suicide Steamship Company, committed suicide yesterday. Mr. Fuhrmann expected to meet his wife upon his arrival in port on January 21, when the steamer came here on her last trip. He walted patiently for Mrs. Fuhrmann's arrival until yesterday, when he received word from his friends in the East telling him that his wife had died. He was so exercises a suit grief that he committed overcome with grief that he committed

Crisis in Rio Janeiro NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-A special from Rio de Janeiro to the World says: There is a ministerial crisis here. The trouble has reference to the questions of financial reform, which do not at present seem likely to be realized. Senhor Demetris Riberiro, the Minister of Agriculture, has retired from the Cabinet and a new appointment has been made. Senhor Riberiro was not well known in Brazilian politics before he was called by General Da Fonseca to the ministre.

to the ministry. Sale of the Pawtucket "Times." Boston, Feb. 1.-A Providence, R. special to the Herald says the sale of the Pawtucket Erening Times was consummated yesterday afternoon, the proprietor, George Willard, selling it to David O. Black, formerly owner of the Telegram of this city. The Times will be enlarged to an eight page paper and be sold for two cents. Possession will be given in March.

EXPERIENCED JUDGES claim that Port-ner's Vienna Cabinet (light) and Culm-bacher (dark) is the best. Call for it and

Labor Demonstration in the Northwest CHICAGO, Feb. 1 .- A Tribune special from Minneapolis, Minn., says: A grand labor coup has been quietly nursed in this State and is to be sprung in a few days. The ultimate object of its promoters is to supplant the Knights of Labor with a new organization which will draw the power, influence and membership from the older society. The new proposition is to establish a State Federation of Labor.

THE LEADING grocers have Portner's feuna Cabinet and Culmbacher in bottles. Order a case and be convinced that it is the best in the market.

Strike in a Government Factory. BERLIN, Feb. 1 .- An agitation has been commenced in the royal gun powder factories in Spandau for the purpose of obtaining an increase of wages. The authorities, though in a great dilemma, decided to dismiss all

agitators, and, after two days of

anxious delay, got the upper hand and work is resumed. REDLY THE firelight shines through the rooms
Chesing away all the shadow and gloom;
Light-hearted children are prattling in glee;
Father is as happy as happy can be.
For the wife and mother who suffered so

Is getting her health back, and soon will be strong;
And who is so happy as she is to night.
As she thinks of the shadow that's taken

As she thinks of the shadow that's taken its flight—
the shadow of disease that darkens so many homes, and makes the life of wife and mother one of terrible suffering. How pleased we are to know that at last a remedy has been found for all those delicate derangements and weaknesses peculiar to women. It comes to cheerless homes with "glad tidings of great joy." Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done for women what no other remedy has done, or cau do, and it is not to be wondered at that women who have been cured by if are so enthusiastic fults praise. It is the only medicine for women sold, by druggists, under a positive marganete from the manufacturers of satisfaction, or money returned.

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DHINK PORTSER'S BEER. It drives away malaria, grip and other prevailing diseases "HARD BITS" is Paster E. Hez Swem's subject Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock.

All marriage and death notices published in Tax Curric free,

DANGEROUS TO LIFE.

NEW SYSTEM OF LOCAL ELECTRIC LIGHTING PROPOSED.

it Was Used in the United States Sen-ate. What is Said by the Experts Who Examined It. Sharp Criticism

On last Thursday THE CRITIC recited the facts in the case of the struggle between the local gas and electric light companies and a foreign electric light company, the two trying to retain their franchise for lighting the city and the franchise for lighting the city and the other endeavoring to underbid them in their contracts, for the purpose, it is said, of getting a foothold in the city. The foreign company is the Electric Heat and Power Company. It is alleged to be a branch of the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburg, Pa.

Pa.

The officers of the parent company are George Westinghouse, jr., president; H. M. Byllesby, vice-president and general manager; John Caldwell, treasurer; A. T. Rowland, secretary; W. L. McCullough, auditor. The system used by this company is what is known as the alternating system. A powerful current of 1,000 volts is generated, transmitted over a wire to a civen point, where it passes through a erated, transmitted over a wire to a given point, where it passes through a "converter" and the voltage reduced to a minimum figure, rendering the current safe by the time it reaches a house or a lamp, it is claimed.

This is the system which the Electric Heat and Power Company proposes to use in lighting this city if they can get the privilege.

the privilege.

This system has been on trial in the Senate wing of the Capitol for over two years, and it is understood is to be reyears, and it is understood is to be removed therefrom on account of its dangerous character. The whole story is as follows: In October, 1887, the Sawyer-Man Electric Company secured permission to put up in the Senate wing of the Capitol, at their own expense, a generator and a number of lights to experiment with. The system used was the Westinghouse. The plant was put in and all was lovely until the president of the Edison Electric Light Company wrote the following letter to Senator Edmunds in September, 1887:

Dean Sir: I have been recently advised

DEAR SIR: I have been recently advised that the system of electric lighting now in use in the United States Senate Chamber is use in the United States Senate Chamber is supplied by what is known as the "alter-nating" current, by which a very danger-ously high-pressure current is generated by the dynamo, distributed through wires in the Senate Chamber, and reduced in pres-sure by the intervention of what is known as a "converter" before the current reaches the lam.

sure by the intervention of what is known as a "converter" before the current reaches the lamp.

I am also credibly informed that considerable dampness exists on the wall of the Senate chamber, and I am therefore impelled to call your attention to the existence of a very serious danger which threatens not only the destruction of the building by fire, but the life of persons coming in contact with the lamps, wires or other apparatus. The object of the "converter," above mentioned, is to reduce the dangerously high pressure before it enters the lamp, but the prevalence of moisture will cause condensation in the converter itself, the result of which will be that this high-tension alternating current will be transferred directly to the lamp, in which case instantaneous death will be caused to any one handling the lamp or its attachments. I would further call your attention to the fact that the only object in using this high-tension current is to effect a small saving in the cost of the copper conductors in the first installation of the plant, while the cost of operating the plant is increased, thereby incurring an additional annual expense in perpetuo by reason of the loss of current in the converters.

It is claimed by the adherents of the alternating system that their current is no more dangerous that the direct system, but recent exhaustive experiments have proven that while 1,000 units of pressure of the alternating system will cause instantaneous death.

The feeling of the Senate is well.

THE FEELING OF THE SENATE. The feeling of the Senate is well known in regard to exposing Washing-ton to the dangers of electric wires. Senator Edmunds is one of the most violent opposers of any experiments with the deadly electric current. He immediately sent the letter over to Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Com-mittee on Rules, with the indorsement that the matter needed "strict and early scrutiny." It did receive early and strict scrutiny. The architect of the Capitol called in two experts, who examined the system and made the following receiver. lowing reports:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.. Oct. 22, 1888.

Sir: Referring to the subject contained in the accompanying papers, submitted by you for my consideration and herewith respectfully returned, viz., a communication from the president of the Edison Electric Light Company of New York, and a report of tests made by Harold P. Brown, electrical engineer of that city, relative to the dangerous character of alternating currents, etc., the above having reference to the electric lighting system now in use in the Senate wing of the Capitol, the system referred to is that known as the Westinghouse, alternating with a primary voltage TREASURY DEPARTMENT

of 1,000 volts, reduced in "converters" and distributed at about fifty volts.

The transference of the high-tension current to the distributing service, through any accidental short circuiting in the "converter," or stherwise, would seriously imperal human life.

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Regarding the deadliness of the alternating as compared with the "constant" current, the report of Mr. Brown, from his standing and that of his associates, is deserving of the fullest credence.

The danger to be apprehended in the use of the system referred to is, however, extremely remote. The converters are not exposed to unusual dampness, and the system carefully installed. The immunity from harm is a matter of insulation and thorough installation by the contractors or owners, intelligence and carefulness on the part of those connected with the plant and the absence of a disposition to medile by those not connected therewith.

Given the above conditions and such a plant is as safe as any of the various forms of energy at high potential, but which it is absolutely impossible to remove from such risks as are inseparable from human management thereof.

Very respectfully, J. E. Powell, Inspector Electric Light Plants, etc., Treas-

Inspector Electric Light Plants, etc., Treasury Department.
EDWARD CLARK, Esq.,
Architect of the United States Capitol,
Washington, D. C., Oct. 22, 1888.
Sis: Acting under your instructions I
have made a cursory examination of the incandescent electric lighting apparatus in
the Senate wing of the Capitol building
for the purpose of gaining information
which would enable me to answer your
question whether in my opinion "there is
any danger attending the use of the apparatus."

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This examination has led me to the conclusion that there is danger in such use.

The engineer in charge of the lighting plant very politely acceded to your request to explain its workings to me, and Mr. Jones, the Senate engineer, showed me over the routes of the wires, explained their construction, etc. The former stated that each of the two dynamos, when running under normal conditions, develops a current of one thousand volts. At the time of my visit, when a comparatively small nummy visit, when a comparatively small number of lamps were in use, the current quantity was affect and one-half amperes. I believe a current of such power is liable to cause the death of a person subjected to its effects.

its effects.

The current from the dynamo is carried through a system of wires to a large num-ber of converters, located in various places in the basement of the building and in the stace over the ceiling of the Senate Chamter. These converters, and much of the wire leading to them, are placed where there must necessarily be a great deal of work of various kinds done, and I think that the risk that workmen employed in

doing it may accidentally and unknowingly make contact, directly or indirectly,
with the apparatus and receive a dangerous
current, is very great, and this risk, it appears to me, is liable to increase with lapse
of time. A large number of other wires
run in close proximity to the wires of the
lighting system, some of them being stapled
to the wooden casting covering the latter,
and this complication, i think, reuders it
quite probable that the current may be diverted from its proper channels into dangerous ways.

gerous ways.

Your inquiry did not, as I understand, relate to the question of danger from fire which might result from the use of the lighting system, but this is a matter which is also worth attention.

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Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
GBO. C. MATNARD.

EDWARD CLARK, Esq.,
Architect United States Capitol, Washington D.C. In February, 1889, Lieutenant-Com-mander Royal B. Bradford, U. S. Naval Inspector of Electric Lighting, also made a voluminous report upon the system, summing up his report as fol-lows.

lows:

In regard to life. The danger to life from receiving what is commonly termed a shock of electricity depends almost entirely upon the pressure of the current. Advocates of the alternating system frequently claim that the alternating current is as safe as the direct. The weight of opinion, however, is greatly in favor of the assertion that it is considerably more dangerous. Just what is a safe or dangerous pressure of the two systems is a matter of controversy between electricians. It is presty well settled, however, that a pressure of 100 volts of an alternating current, or 200 volts of a direct current, are safe. It is also admitted by all that a pressure of 1,000 volts, alternating current, is very dangerous, and if taken through the body will kill. As it is possible to get a shock of this pressure from the plant now installed in the Senate wing, there is an element of danger connected with it that should be avoided it possible.

possible.

So far as the Senate wing of the Capitol is concerned, I am of the opinion that a due interest for economy does not require the use of the Westinghouse system therein, and therefore other reasons must be sought as to whether it is for the best interests of the Government to retain or remove the the Government to retain or remove the

present plant. Of course, the Westinghouse Company has protested against these reports and brought testimony to show their system to be safe. The Committee on Rules are now considering the matter, and, it is said, will not allow the system to remain in the Capitol.

THE COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS. The Electric Heat and Power Com pany is composed principally of Pitts-burg and New York capitalists. Charles Jackson of Pittsburg is presi-dent of the company, and James Atwell of the same city is secretary. The com-pany was organized under the laws of West Virginia. There are but few citizens of this city among the stock-holders, the principal ones being Lewis Clephane, Frederick W. Royce and D. I. Murphy. Lawyer Cole of the firm of Cole & Cole is attorney for the company in its detense against the injunc-tion brought last summer by citizens.

Railway Differences Settled. BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 1.-The disoute over through rates between the Boston and Albany and the Fitchburg Boston and Albany and the Fitchburg Railroads has been settled by arbitration. The Fitchburg Railroad has been awarded a differential rate of \$2 on each first-class passenger by the West Shore route and \$3 by the Eric route. The arbitrators were J. L. Taylor, general passenger agent of the Richmond and Danville Railroad; Jas. Cayleton general vassenger agent of Carleton, general passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton, and E. E. Lo-max, general agent of the Union Pa-

An Indiana Absconder Returns. LAPORTE, IND., Feb. 1.—Adelbert L. Brown, the abscouding attorney, insurance. loan and real estate agent, who left credilosa and real estate agent, who left credi-tors to the amount of nearly \$30,000, re-turned yesterday from Concordia, Ran., with a relative, and will try to make a set-tlement. Brown refuses to be interviewed, but says he will soon publish a statement. It is rumored that certain parties of good standing have used Brown as a tool and are now endeavoring to keep him from squeal-ing. The grand jury now in session may investigate the affair.

The Colorado Senatorship

DENVER, Col., Feb. 1.—It is reported that ex-Senator N. P. Hill has come to an understanding with the present senior Senator from this State, by which Teller, at the expiration of his term, will step down in favor of Hill. The bitter war that Hill has waged against Senator Wolcott will also be renewed by the former establishing a new evening paper, to be run as the alternoon edition of the present Republican.

THE LEADING grocers have Portner's Vienna Cabinet and Culmoacher in bottles. Order a case and be convinced that it is the best in the market.

Indiana Soldiers' Home Superintendent Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Rev. James Harris of Michigan City has been appointed superintendent of the Indiana Soldiers Orphana' Home, to succeed D. H.
Morris. Mr. Harris has been chaplain of
the Indiana department of the Grand Army
of the Republic for five years. No reason
is given by the trustees for the change of
superintendent.

RING UP 788-6 and order a case of Port-ner's Vienna Cabinet Beer. The best in the market.

Death of George E. Dame NEWPORT, N. J., Feb. 1.—George E. Dame, Superintendent of the New England Division Railway Mail Service under President Cleveland's Administration, died at his home here early this morning of soften-ing of the brain. He was 48 years old, had been clerk of the Supreme Court of Sulli-van County, and was prominent in his party councils for many years.

Scandal in the Paris Lottery. NEW YORK, Feb. 1 .- A special to the World from Paris says: The final drawing of the Exhibition Tombola began yesterday at the Palais d'Industrie. The drawing ap-pears to have given rise to greaf dissatis-faction, especially in reference to the sys-tem of allowing employes to do the drawing. A scandal is likely to result.

French Physicians Favor a Device for

Paris, Jan. 25, 1890.—Physicians look with favor upon the invention for relieving deafness, which was recently introduced by H. A. Wales of Bridgeport, Conn., and say it is undoubtedly the highest development which science has reached towards aiding the deaf.

You can order THE CRITIC by postal card. It will be sent to your address every even-ing for 35 cents. Steamship Arrivals, NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-Arrived-State of

Georgia, from Glasgow. Bostos, Feb. 1.—Arrived—Bulgarian, from Liverpool. New York, Feb. 1.—Arrived—Trava, No HEADACHE after drinking Portner's Vienna Cabinet and Culmbacher Beers.

A Blow at the Tobacco Trust. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 1.-The Virginia Senate yesterday passed a bill repealing the charter granted by the Legislature to the EXPERIENCED JUDGES claim that Port-

ner's Vienna Cabinet (light) and Culm-bacher (dark) is the best. Call for it and Mrs, Langtry Seriously III. LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Prince of Wales has sent Oscar Clayton to inquire after the health of Mrs. Langtry, in whose case blood polsoning is feared.

Advice to Mothers. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and it is the best remedy for diarrhoss. 25c. a bottle. POPULAR MEN IN TOWN.

FAMILIAR FACES OF THE NATION AT THE BIG HOTELS.

Moffat, the Denver Banker-Ex-Governor Warmouth Livre Looking After His Appointment Governor Campbell of Ohio Expected.

D. H. Moffat, the Denver banker, whose adventure with a robber was told yesterday, talks very freely about Colorado and of Denver, for which he claims a population of 150,000. "For a remote city it is probably the best built of any in the world," said Mr. Moffat. "We are not building any new railroads, but we are changing the Denver and Rio Grande into a standard gauge. I am president of the road, and in the short time I have so acted I have spent \$16,000,000 on the property."

Talking about British investments which are being made in the United States, Mr. Moffat said: "It is because London and all England has a large surplus of capital which brings in no return in the old style of investments. So the English money is going into manufactures which pay enormous dividends. I have invested for Brown, Shipley & Co. a million and a half dol lars in Denver breweries."

Regarding the mining interests of his State, Mr. Moffat thinks they will hold out, as the product last year amounted to \$22,000,000. He speaks in a complimentary way of Senator Wolcott, the more because in his contest Wolcott had no warmer friend than the banker. "Senator Chaffee is busing beside his "Senator Chaffee is buried beside his wife at Adrian, Mich.," said Mr. Mof-fatt. "His ashes should have remained in the State he built up and which he

in the State he built up and which he represented in the Senate. Ex-Senator Tabor is quietly attending to business and is very rich."

Although the story of his losing \$20,000 at the point of a gun was a very delicate matter to talk about, Mr. Moffatt replied very frankly when questioned: "I have no doubt but what he would have killed me. I sized him up while I was also signs up his six. would have killed me. I sized him up while I was also sizing up his six-shooter, and he looked as bad as his revolver. I don't believe he made use of the money, save but \$2,000 in gold. The bills were all numbered and none have come back. The fellow probably went to Europe. We suspect that our police helped him escape."

Editor C. H. Janes of the St. Louis Republic, famed for his handsome beard, his irreproachable character and ability of the beguiling influences of St. Louis, came in again to-day with Dr. R. H. Kealhofer, and they are both working for the World's Fair.

Al. Carlile of Salem, Ohio, who travels for a Pittsburg house, is here again. Al. spends time and money in politics simply for amusement, as he asks no office himself. He is a Democrat, and it is possible Campbell may give Al. an honorary position. He was too fat and not pretty enough to go on the military staff.

R. N. Williamson, a much respected citizen of Detroit, is with his wife at the Ebbitt, as are also W. G. Latimer and wife of the same city.

Ex Governor Warmouth of Louis iana, a famous figure in national poli-tics after the war, is at the Arlington, with Mrs. Warmouth. He has lately been made Collector of the Port at New Orleans and is here to arrange about going into office and have his name put n the United States pay-roll

Dan Hamaker, an eminent and hust

ling Pennsylvania politician, dropped down from Harrisburg this a. m. to see some old friends and commune with Senator Cameron for a season. Mr. G. C. Kutin and wife, people of in l'ittsburg, are at the Shoreham. At the same hotel is A. H. Childs, also of Pittsburg, who is wealthy iron man and social leader.

Melville E. Stone and Rev. E. Stone and wife of Chicago form a party at the Arlington.

Mrs. William J. Hitchcock, wife of a wealthy Youngstown, Ohio, manufac-turer, is at the Arlington with her daughter and son, Mr. Frank Hitch-They are on the way to Old

Colonel James M. Craig of Allegheny City, Pa., is at the Ebbitt. He was a valiant soldier in the war and wants to join the United States Army as quarter-master. He is indorsed by all the G. A. R. organizations in Western Penn-sylvania and by the best citizens. Col-Tom Bayne, the Allegheny Congress man, is also urging the appointment.

Fifth Auditor L. W. Habercom gave rith Auditor L. W. Habercom gave a dinner at the Ebbitt last night in honor of Hon. Richard Guenther, lately appointed Consul-General to Mexico. All the guests were German-Americans, although Colonel Guenther insisted on exhibiting his knowledge of Spanish with a Bavarian accent.

Hon. William Caldwell of Cincin nati arrived last night and is spending some time on what seems to be a mysterious political mission. He has lately given up his office as surveyor of customs, to which he was appointed by Cleveland. Mr. Caldwell is a young man, who cares more for fishing and hunting than for relities. Yet he is one hunting than for politics. Yet he is one of the shrewdest managers in the State. He is always cautious and proved his ability when he was in the Ohio Senate He was the second Democrat in Ohio given an office, as George H. Pendleton

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When W. H. Taft was appointed Solicitor-General Governor Campbell appointed as his successor on the Cin-cinnati bench General Sam F. Hunt, a cinnati bench General Sam F. Hunt, a handsome bachelor known as the Chauncey M. Depew of the West, although given more to rhetoric than wit in his after dinner speeches. His appointment recalled a story in a group at the Ebblitt last night. A few years ago a dinner was given at Hancock's in Sam's honor. There were a lot of wits present, such men as General Dorbin present, such men as General Durbin Ward, G. Edwin Spear, Colonel Fred. D. Mussey, the proprietor, and many others of New York. Toward the end some one began joking about death, and, as all were comparatively young men and in good health, each one began to chaff his neighbor with the re-mark, 'Tillive to dance on your grave.'
Strange to say, out of the party of ten all but Colonel Mussey and General Hunt died within a year, and they are the only survives.

Governor James Edwin Campbell of Ohio will arrive to day from New York. He is in the East on private business, but next week will be here to testify in the Ohio ballot-box forgery investigation. Although not an active member of Congress, Governor Campbell was a very popular one, and his wife was a leader in society. He is a spare-built, sharp-featured and slightly bald man, who has a wonderful magnetism in a quiet way, and he will be warmly wel-comed in Washington.

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